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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD has now been without a permanent chairman for 14 months and NTSB officials acknowledge that the White House delay in making a permanent appointment is having an effect on the morale and direction of the accident investigation agency. James Kolstad has been acting chairman since mid-August of 1988 but has been constrained from putting his own management stamp on the agency because of his tenuous status. The situation is exacerbated by the fact that James Burnett, who served as chairman of the agency for nearly six years, remains an NTSB member and he and Kolstad have dissimilar management styles.

U.S. AIR FORCE is expected to make a source selection in the Tanker Transport Training System (TTTS) competition by March 1 (BA, Oct. 23/129).

PIPER AIRCRAFT PRESIDENT Ray Johnson says finding and certifying component vendors to supply aircraft parts is a major continuing problem for the Vero Beach, Fla. manufacturer. Because of relatively low production volumes in the general aviation manufacturing industry, Johnson says many potential vendors ignore the GA market, while others avoid it because of the complications of FAA requirements and concerns about possible product liability litigation if an aircraft carrying one of their components is involved in an accident.

LEARJET CORP. officials, asked about the status of the sale of the Wichita-based manufacturer, say Drexel Burnham Lambert has received a large number of bids from prospective purchasers. The investment banking firm, which was retained by Learjet parent Integrated Resources in August (BA, Aug. 21/58) is now attempting to "whittle that number down" and several contenders are currently engaged in due diligence studies. The due diligence process is expected to be completed in three to four weeks, at which time Drexel will set a final bid date.

LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL PROPOSES BAN ON STAGE II AIRCRAFT AT AIRPORT

Long Beach City Council will hold a second reading and is expected to vote on a controversial ordinance Tuesday, which would restrict the local airport to Stage III aircraft and set a night-time single-event noise exposure limit (SENEL) ceiling at 79 decibels. The proposed ordinance also targets a cumulative noise exposure level (CNEL) of 65 for the airport, requiring different segments of aviation to abide by a "noise budget" to meet that level.

The ordinance would replace an interim noise ordinance which took effect in July. The city drafted the ordinance after U.S. District Judge Laughlin E. Waters ordered Long Beach in November of 1988 to come up with "equitable" noise guidelines. The city has been involved in litigation since 1981 when a group of air carriers, led by Alaska Airlines, sued to reduce restrictions on the number of flights they could schedule. The city wanted to control the number of flights to keep noise levels down, said Long Beach Deputy Attorney Roger Freeman.

Freeman said the ordinance "provides the users an opportunity to maintain an appropriate level of operation." The city has about 1,000 pages of research and documentation, which show the restric-

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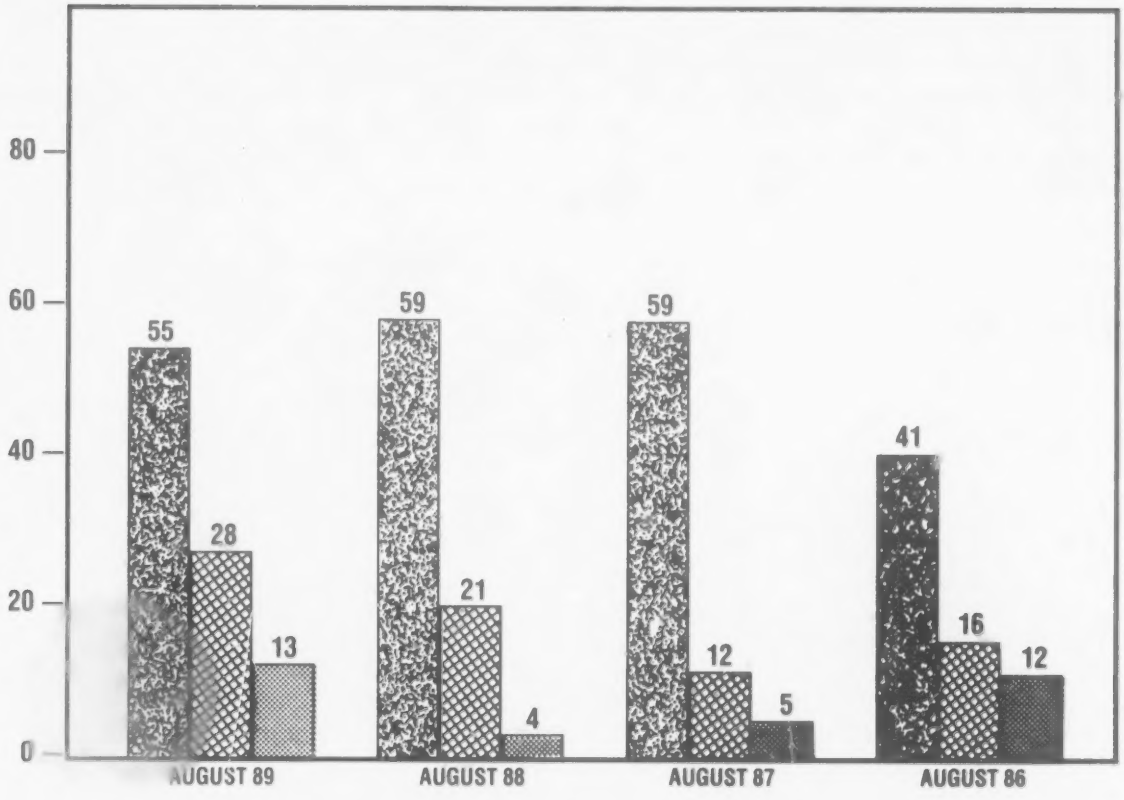

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Falcon 10 + 100	I.A.I. 1123/1124/1124A Westwind	Lockheed Jetstar (All Models)
I.A.I. 1121 A/B/C Commodore Jet	I.A.I. 1125 Astra	All Airliner Type Jets
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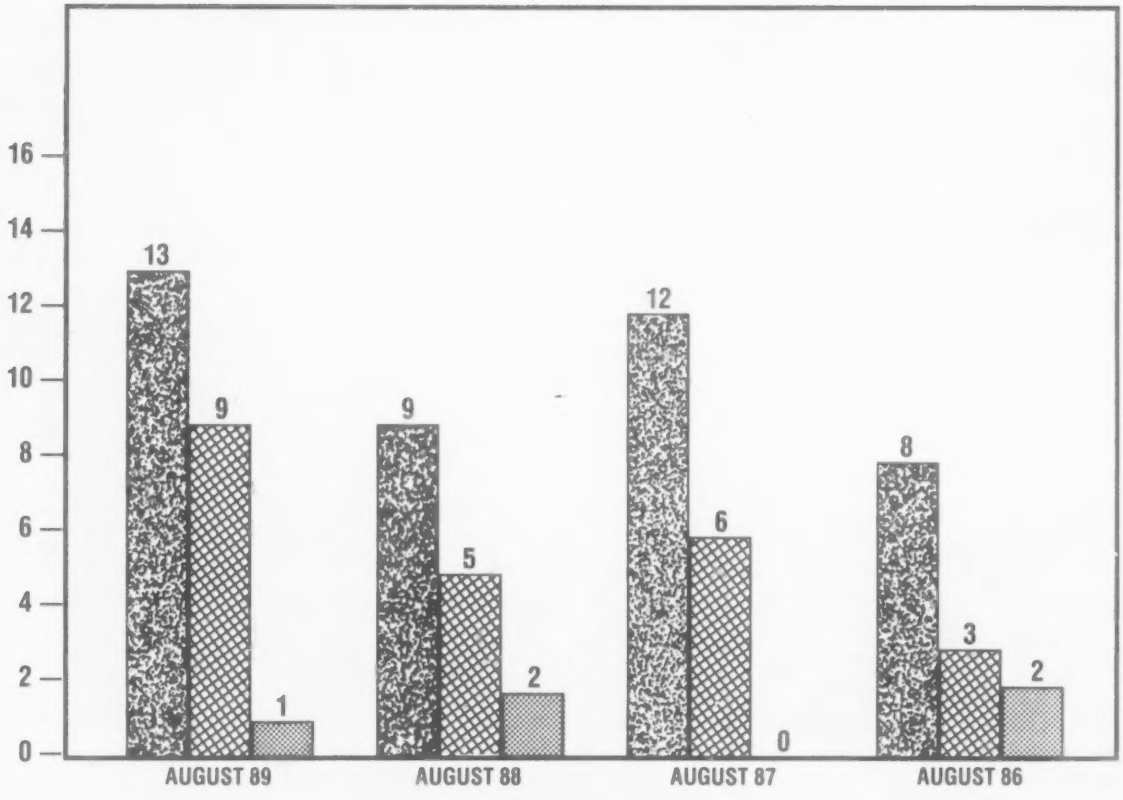

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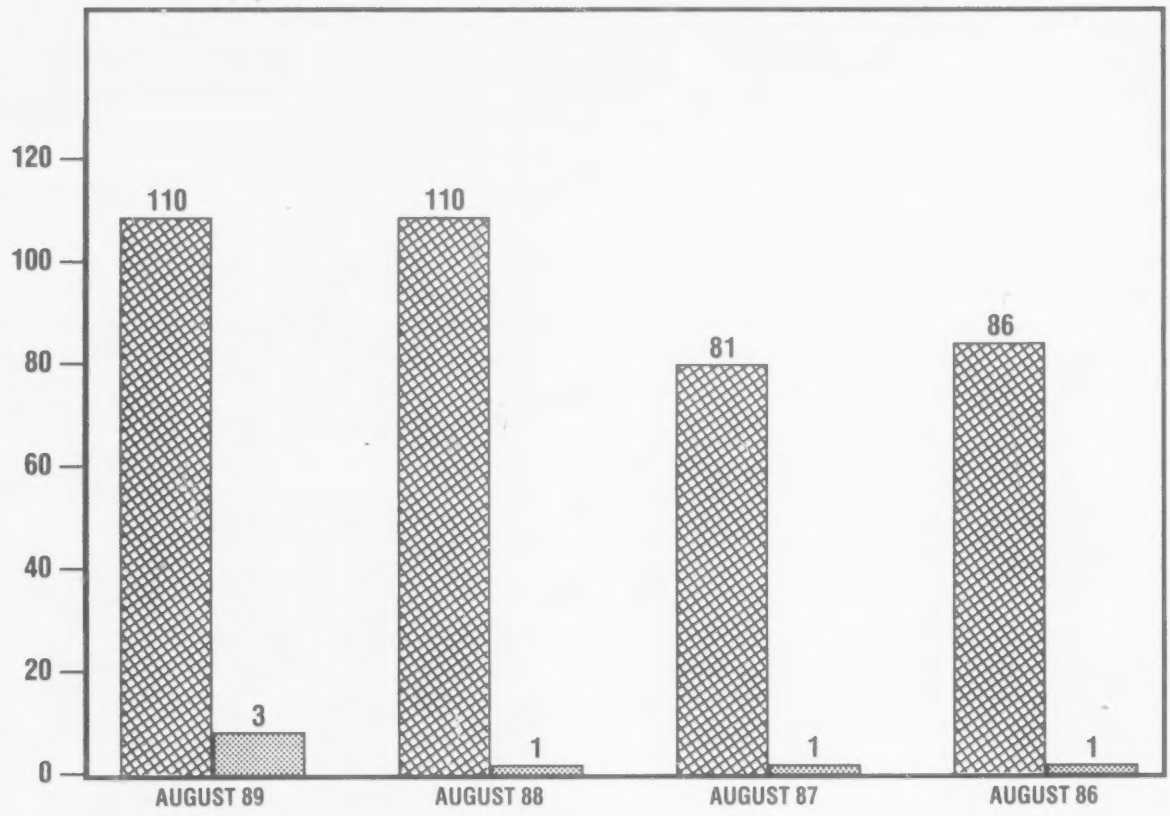

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Turbo Commander (All Models)
Beech 90 King Air (All Models)
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Beech 200 King Air (All Models)
Beech 300 King Air (All Models)
Cessna 400 SRS Conversions
Cessna 425/441/406/435
Mitsubishi MU2 (All Models)
PA31T/PA42 Cheyenne (All Models)
Swearingen Merlin/Metro (All Models)

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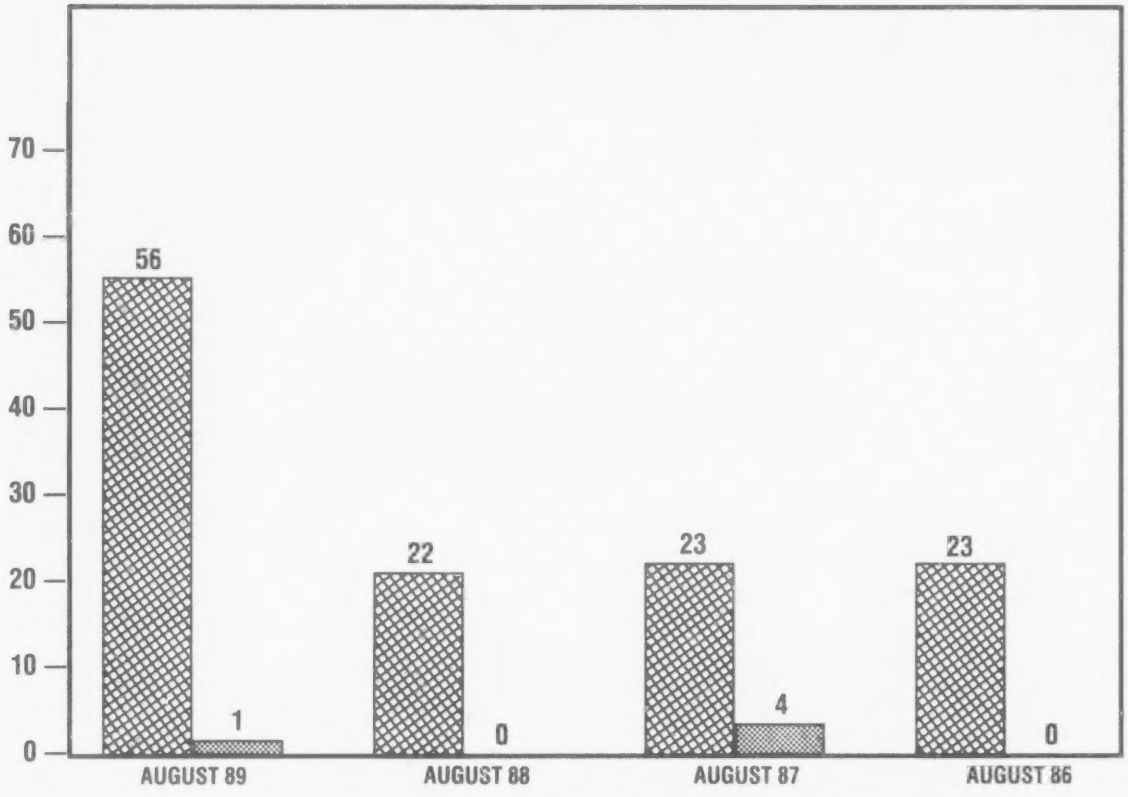

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